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Recommendations on item 5

Submitted by the Rapporteur

1. The Permanent Forum expresses its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women for their presence and statements during the sixth session, as well as to the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons for the statement she transmitted.

2. The Forum decides to invite the Special Rapporteur on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and the Special Rapporteurs on the right to education and the right to health to its seventh session.

3. The Permanent Forum welcomes the increased cooperation between the Forum and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and strongly recommends that the Human Rights Council maintain the mandate of the Special Rapporteur.

4. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Human Rights Council consider:

(a) The inclusion of an agenda item addressing indigenous peoples' human rights in the ongoing work of the Council;

(b) Including indigenous peoples' human rights as part of the universal periodic review;

(c) The inclusion of indigenous expertise in the new general expert advisory body being established by the Human Rights Council;

(d) The interventions submitted by an expert member of the Permanent Forum to the Human Rights Council and the working groups;

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(e) Maintaining and strengthening its expertise on indigenous peoples' human rights issues.

5. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Human Rights Council authorize at least one more session of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations so that it can review and, as needed, complete its important pending work.

6. The Permanent Forum recommends that Mr. Martin Scheinin, the Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights, pay particular attention to the impact of anti-terrorism laws on indigenous peoples.

7. The Permanent Forum, understanding that the solidarity and affirmative actions of indigenous peoples' organizations on this issue is a major achievement, welcomes the establishment of the International Committee for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact (CIDIACI) in the Amazon and Chaco Regions, and calls on States, civil society and cooperation agencies to support the work of CIPIACI.

8. The Permanent Forum recommends that the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), States, non-governmental organizations and indigenous peoples' organizations join efforts in implementing appropriate expert health-care actions to prevent disastrous disease problems affecting indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and recent contact, considering rapid-effect emergency procedures in situations where the health situation is critical, as, at present, in the Javari Valley in Brazil.

9. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and relevant special rapporteurs working in the field of human rights review the implementation of their recommendations and provide reports to the Forum at its seventh session regarding their interactions with relevant States and indigenous peoples and also activate, with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, when necessary, United Nations inter-agency and inter-department early warning procedures and rapid response mechanisms.